UNITED STATES SHIP MISSOURT

Sunday 2 September 1945

Anchored in berth F 71, Tokyo Bay, in 10 fathoms of water, mud bottom, with 50 fathoms of chain to the starboard anchor on the following anchorage bearings: right tangent Fort #1 168°T, Yokosuka Breakwater Light 325°T, Fort #2 193°T. Boilers #1, #4, #5, and #8 are in use. Condition of readiness III is set. S.O.P.A. is in the U.S.S. SOUTH DAKOTA (BB57). Administrative S.O.P.A. is in the U.S.S. SAN DIEGO (CL53). Various units of the Pacific Fleet and British Fleet are present.

J.H. Hofman, Lt.(jg), U.S.N.

Anchored as before. 0707, U.S.S. TAYLOR (DD468) came alongside to port with Lt.Col. R. Powell and about 170 press agents to attend surrender ceremonies of the Japanese Imperial Forces. 0733, U.S.S. TAYLOR (DD468) cast off. 0750, exercised crew at quarters for scheduled ceremonies.

m ason M. Olson, Lt.(jg), U.S.N.

Anchored as before. 0803, U.S.S. BUCHANAN (DD484) came alongside to port with various general anchored as before. USUS, U.S.S. BUCHANAN (DD484) came alongside to port with various general officers of the Army and foreign representatives to witness surrender ceremonies. OSO5, Fleet Admiral C.W. Nimitz came aboard and his personal flag was broken at the mainmast. OS24, U.S.S. BUCHANAN (DD484) cast off. OS38, U.S.S. NICHOLAS (DD449) came alongside to port with General of the Army Douglas Mac Arthur. OS45, General of the Army Douglas Mac Arthur came aboard and his personal flag was broken at the mainmast alongside the personal flag of Fleet Admiral C.W. Nimitz. OS48, U.S.S. NICHOLAS (DD449) cast off. OS56, Japanese representatives came aboard. At 0902, with the following present, the ceremony commenced and the Instrument of Surrender was presented to all parties:

United States

Colonel Q.S. Lander (SCAP Liaison)

Republic of China

Gen. Hsu Yung-Chang Lt. Gen. Chu Shih Ming Co. Li Sho Chang

Vice Adm. Yang Hsuan Chang Maj. Gen. Wang Chih Col. Wang Pei Cheng

United Kingdom

Admiral Sir Bruce Fraser Comdr. R.H. Courage

Capt. A.D. Nicholl Comdr. (S) A.P. Cartwright Lt. V.C. Merry

Surgeon Lieut. G.R. Gayman

Representing British Pacific Fleet

Vice Adm. Sir H.B. Rawlings Lt. G.E. Cook

Commodore J.P.L. Reid Rear Adm. E.J.P. Brind

Lt. E.B. Ashmore

United Soviet Socialist Republic

Lt. Gen. Kuzma Nikolaevish Derevyanko Rear Adm. Andrey Mitrofanovich Stetzenko Capt. Nikolai Michailovich Karamishev

Maj. Gen. Nikolai Vasilevich Voronov Maj. Ivan Joseph Borovsky Lt. Nikolai Nikolaevich Tulinov

Commonwealth of Australia

Lt. Gen. F.H. Berryman Air Vice Marshall Jones Commodore J.A. Collins

Gen. Sir Thomas Blamey Rear Adm. George D. Moore Air Vice Marshall Bostick Capt. J. Balfour

Dominion of Canada

Gen. LeClerc

Republic of France

Air Vice Marshall Isitt

Col. L. Moore Cosgrave

Commonwealth of New Zealand Lt. J.D. Alfingham

United Kingdom of Netherlands

Adm. Helfrich Col. C. Giebel Lt. Gen. L.H. Van Oyen Comdr. A.A. Fresco

Japanese Empire

Mr. Mamoru Shigemitsu, Foreign Minister Katsuo Okazaki

Shunichi Kase

General Yoshijiro Umezo Saburo Ohta Lt. Gen. Shuichi Miyakazi

Major Gen. Yatsuji Magai Rear Admiral Tadatoshi Tomioka Captain Katsuo Shiba

Col. Kaziyi Sugita Rear Admiral Ichiro Yokoyama

COMMANDING

H.B. LYON, O Commander,

TO BE FORWARDED DIRECT TO THE BUREAU OF NAVAL PERSONNEL AT THE END OF EACH MONTH

Log of the "USS Missouri" — Japanese Surrender

The conclusion of the bloodiest war in history was formally marked with the signing of surrender terms by the Japanese in Tokyo Bay, September 2, 1945. The log of the United States battleship "Missouri" for that day is displayed to show the list of Japanese delegates and the representatives of the United Nations including General Douglas MacArthur, Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers, on board to witness the ceremony.